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Training Centre Scheme
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the training centre scheme implemented by the Sports Authority of India in the country;

(b) the number of sportspersons who availed the benefits of the said scheme across the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UTwise;

(c) the details of the funds provided under the said scheme during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to open such centres in various States including Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof along with the locations where such centres are proposed to be opened;

(e) whether the cases of corruption/
irregularities/diversion of funds in implementation of the said scheme have come to the notice of the Government during the said period and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government for effective implementation of the said scheme across the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) Madam, Sports Authority of India (SAI) is implementing the following sports promotional schemes to identify talented sports persons in the age group of 8-25 years and nurture them to excel at national and international competitions:
? National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC)
? Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)
? SAI Training Centre (STC)
? Special Area Games (SAG)
? Extension Centre of STC/SAG
? Centre of Excellence (CoE)
? National Sports Academies (NSA)

SAI has established 10 Regional Centres and 02 educational institutions to implement the above sports promotional schemes in the country through 251 SAI sports centres. Presently, 11773 talented sports persons (6626 boys and 5147girls) are being trained in 27 sports disciplines on the residential and non residential basis.
The selected trainees are provided with facilities in the form of expert coaches, sports equipment, boarding and lodging, sports kit, competition exposure, educational expenses, medical / insurance and stipend as per the approved scheme norms.

A brief on SAI Sports Promotional Schemes is provided at Annexure - I.

(b) The details of sports persons availing the benefits under the SAI Sports Promotional Schemes across the country during the last three years are provided at Annexure − II.

(c) The details of funds provided under the schemes during the last three years are provided at Annexure − III, IV and V.

(d) The Governing Body of SAI has also approved the following new SAI Centres to be established during 2016-17:
? Special Area Games Centre at Dandeli, Karwar District, Karnataka (for Siddi Tribes)
? Special Area Games Centre at Kargil, J&K
? Special Area Games Centre at Lakshdweep
? Restoration of SAI Training Centre at Hazaribagh, Jharkhand
? 05 new Boys Sports Company (BSC) Centres in collaboration with Army/Navy/Air Force

(e) Yes Madam. The details of such cases during the last three years is given in Annexure-VI. The accounts of the field units are being audited by the duly engaged CA and subsequently, the accounts are being audited by the CAG for ensuring standards of financial propriety.

(f) For making the schemes more beneficial and for their effective implementation so as to gain optimum benefits, the review of the

schemes is a continuous process. However, the selection criteria of all the schemes was specifically reviewed by a committee of experts during 2015-16. Based on the recommendation of the experts committee, the Financial Norms and Selection Criteria were revised and, after the approval of the Competent Authority, notified for implementation during 2016-17.
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